

House Resolution No. 3429

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Fern Swetnam of Moberly, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration on August 17, 2008; and

Whereas, on August 17, 1908, in Randolph County, God brought a special gift to Francis Adolph and Rosabelle McCart Bly with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Fern, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Fern Swetnam will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage to Thomas G. Swetnam (deceased) and the births of her offspring; and

Whereas, Fern Swetnam has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two children, Wanita Oye (deceased) and Elmer R. Hoff (deceased); four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Fern Swetnam further distinguished herself by working at Brown Shoe for twenty-five years prior to her retirement; and

Whereas, Fern Swetnam has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes during the past century, a few of which include fishing, gardening, watching Cardinal's Baseball, and collecting antique clocks and various other collectibles; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 100, Fern Swetnam is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Fern Swetnam at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Fern E. Swetnam, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Therese Sander
District No. 22

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3429, adopted June 17, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker